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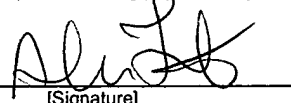
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP02/04123, and to the references which were cited in the Search Report issued by the German Patent Office in corresponding German patent application No. 101 24 663.3. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references, except for the US references, are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant

herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report and of the German Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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